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In re Application of : OFFICE OF PETITIONS
Robert M. Stewart et al :
Application No. 09/940,494 : DECISION GRANTING
Filed: August 29, 2001 : STATUS UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Attorney Docket No: 817LR/50045 :
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This is a decision on the petition filed January 15, 2002, requesting reconsideration of a decision mailed November 15, 2001, which refused to accord 37 CFR 1.47(a) status to the above-identified application.¹

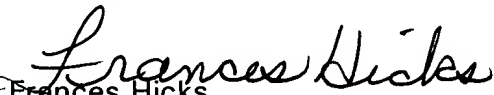
The petition is granted.

Petitioner has shown that the nonsigning inventors (Ralph Nicholas Spearman and Norhisham MD Sanusi) cannot be located to join in the filing of the above-identified application.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status. As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the nonsigning inventors. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-8680.

This application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for pre-examination processing.



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¹ The Office sincerely apologizes for the delay in replying to the instant petition and any inconvenience caused petitioner by this delay.



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In re Application of
Robert Michael Stewart; Chan Pak Kuen; Ralph Nicholas Spearman; Norhisham MD Sanusi;
and David William Fountain
Application No. 09/940,494
Filed: August 29, 2001
For: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR COAGULATING AND DRYING LATEX

Dear Mr. Sanusi:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code), and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join in the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-8680. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to Certification Division at (703) 308-9726 or 1 (800) 972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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